MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE STATEMENT
May 10, 1970

(1) In a situation of crisis, the Middlebury College Council, the Faculty and the student body continue to affirm the importance of academic activities and of non-violent political and social action. We resolve to complete the academic year. We believe that arrangements should be made for those students who, as a matter of conscience, cannot complete their academic work within the existing schedule, as well as for those students who resume their academic work. The political and academic are not incompatible.

The College Council: 9-1, with 0 abstentions
The Faculty: 58-3, with 8 abstentions
The Student Body: 800-79, with 39 abstentions

(2) The Middlebury College Council, Faculty and student body strongly endorse the current nationwide movement by affirming these national and local goals by the following recorded votes:

a. an immediate withdrawal of American presence in Cambodia and a rapid end to the American military involvement in Southeast Asia;

The College Council: 10-0-0
The Faculty: 58-3-9
The Student Body: 786-68-68

b. a reaffirmation of the Bill of Rights, a safeguarding of the right of political dissent and protection from persecution for the Black Panthers and other activists;

The College Council: 10-0-0
The Faculty: 59-1-11
The Student Body: 759-59-97

c. a reexamination of universities' and colleges' relationship to the military.

The College Council: 9-1-0
The Faculty: 54-6-11
The Student Body: 704-111-96

(3) While affirming these general goals, the Middlebury College Council, Faculty and student body endorse the continuation of these and related activities according to individual conscience:

a. improving our relationship with the town, hoping to create a community which unites all Middlebury;
b. local canvassing for political candidates;
c. the extension of our educational function to the community on local and national issues;
d. the Pause for Peace;
e. the "Continuing Presence" Lobby in Washington;
f. information on the draft, e.g., Operation "Undo";
g. the coordination of these and related activities with other colleges in Vermont and New England.

The College Council: 9-0-1
The Faculty: 56-4-10
The Student Body: 851-33-45